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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

V.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In Re:

BERNARD L MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

Plaintiff,

Adv. Pro. No.08-01789 (SMB)

SIPA LIQUIDATION

(Substantially Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 10-04538 (SMB)

V.

JAMES B. PINTO REVOCABLE TRUST U/A DTD 12/1/03; and JAMES B. PINTO, individually and in his capacity as Grantor and Trustee for the James B. Pinto Revocable Trust,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF ROBERT M. MCCLAY IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR AN ORDER PURSUANT TO RULE 2090-1(e) OF THE LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES TO REMOVE BRUCE S. SCHAEFFER AS COUNSEL TO DEFENDANTS

I, Robert M. McClay declare as follows:

- 1. I am counsel at the law firm of McClay•Alton, P.L.L.P. and admitted Pro Hac Vice to this court. Pursuant to Rule 2090-1(e) of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, I submit this declaration in support of the accompanying motion, notice of presentment and proposed order to remove Bruce S. Schaeffer ("Mr. Schaeffer") as counsel for defendants James B. Pinto Revocable Trust and James B. Pinto ("Defendants") in this adversary proceeding.
- 2. On June 26, 2009, Mr. Schaeffer submitted a representation letter to the Trustee regarding the above captioned adversary case.
- 3. On March 27, 2012, Mr. Schaeffer filed a Request to Withdraw as Attorney of Record (docket number 11 on the above captioned adversary case); however, an Order granting this Request is not on the docket.
 - 4. On March 28, 2012 an Order was signed granting my Pro Hac Vice admission.
- 5. On March 30, 2012 an Order was signed granting Pro Hac Vice admission to Marvin C. Ingber.

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6. All ongoing representation matters are being handled by Marvin C. Ingber and

me.

7. Defendants have authorized this action to formally remove Mr. Schaeffer as

attorney of record in this matter and to have him removed from all service lists.

8. On January 19, 2015 my legal assistant sent a letter to Mr. Schaeffer enclosing a

stipulation Notice of Substitution of Counsel and Proposed Order for his signature. Mr.

Schaeffer's two faxed responses to that letter and his reasons for not signing the stipulation are

attached as Exhibit A & Exhibit B.¹

9. Marvin C. Ingber and I have not had any direct communication with Mr.

Schaeffer after the transfer of the case to us. To my knowledge, Defendants have had no

contact with Mr. Schaeffer since the transfer of the case to us.

10. As the foregoing states, we have been unable to obtain Mr. Schaeffer's

cooperation to remove himself as counsel.

11. It is not expected that any delay or prejudice will result to any party in this

proceeding from this substitution of counsel.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true

and correct.

Dated: St. Paul, Minnesota

April 22, 2015

By:

/s/ Robert M. McClay

Robert M. McClay

¹ Mr. Schaeffer provided the two letters via email to Judge Bernstein's Chambers on February 3, 2015.

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From: Susan Ogulnick

Re: Your letter of January 19, 2015

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January 21, 2015

VIA FACSIMILE
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Dear Ms. Fink:

Mr. Schaeffer will need a better and fuller explanation as to why he should cooperate with Mr. Ingber and his clients who have threatened and libeled him. Please provide immediately.

Yours truly, SUHAU OfnOnch

Susan Ogulnick Office Manager 01-28-**08**;**01789**-cgmom:**boc:985**2-3cha**Fflet**(04/22/15:12606369569 Declaration of RMM Pg 6 of 7

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SECOND NOTICE

January 28, 2015

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Dear Ms. Fink:

We responded immediately to your request for action by January 30 by demanding a fuller explanation. You have failed to respond. Accordingly, we have no choice but to ignore your demands and Mr. Ingber's prior threats.

Yours truly, SHAN OPNINCA

Susan Ogulnick Office Manager